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In re Patent Application of )  
Shinji NAKAMURA et al. ) Group Art Unit: 2815  
Serial No. 09/680,054 ) Examiner: J. Jackson, Jr.  
Filed: October 5, 2000 )  
For: METHOD OF APPARATUS FOR )  
CONTROLLING PROGRESS OF )  
PRODUCT PROCESSING )

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**RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT**

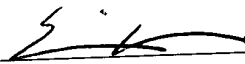
Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the election requirement in the Office Action of December 6, 2001, Applicants hereby elect without traverse the Group II claims - that is, claims 17-29 and 44-60, drawn to a process.

Examination on the merits is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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